

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
held in the boardroom
on Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at 5:55 p.m.

Present: Trustees: D. Dewar (chair), T. Campbell, B. Clement, G. Fox, J. Hunda, L. Killens, J. Kosmerly, D. Morrison, G. Santala, Student Trustee Urban
Officials: N. Blaseg – Director
D. Cayen-Arnold - Superintendent of Business
B. Bourget, J. Noble, K. Wachnuk - Superintendents
N. Charette, H. Thirkill
Others: R. Jones, A. Perry, C. McDonald, C. Robert

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 15-R127, J.Hunda/T.Campbell

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of October 27, 2015 be approved. - **Carried**

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL

C. PRESENTATIONS

1. OLSAT (Otis-Lennon School Ability Test)
Superintendent Wachnuk and Dr. Amber Perry provided an informative presentation to trustees, explaining the process of administering the test and the interpretation of scores. Trustees asked questions and discussed.
2. Speech Intervention
Superintendent Wachnuk and Speech and Language Pathologist Chantal Robert provided an informative presentation of the speech language services available to Rainbow students. Trustees had the opportunity to use an ipad to interact with board-based speech and language programs used daily by students. It was suggested that a letter be sent to each of the Ministries involved in providing funding resources for students at risk or identified with speech and language impairments, including statistics provided in the presentation, to encourage increased support for these students.
3. EDI (Early Development Instrument)
Superintendent Dye's presentation was postponed.

D. REPORT FROM THE IN-CAMERA COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE BOARD NIL

The motion to receive the October 27, 2015, Human Resources updates will be added to the November 24, 2015 Board Meeting Agenda.

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Previous Minutes

Motion: 15-R128, J.Hunda/J.Kosmerly

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on September 29, 2015 be approved. – **Carried**

2. Tenders/Requests for Proposals

Motion: 15-R129, D.Morrison/T.Campbell

That the Board award the contract to supply floor finish to Wood Wyant Canada Inc. – **Carried**

3. Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees NIL

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Finance

Superintendent of Business Diane Cayen-Arnold reported on Honorarium for Trustees effective December 1, 2015.

2. OSTA-AECO Fees

Motion: 15-R130, D.Morrison/T.Campbell

That the 2015/16 membership fees in the Ontario Student Trustees' Association be approved. – **Carried**

3. Requests for Leave of Absence NIL

4. Director's Remarks

Progress Reports were scheduled to be handed out next week, however as a result of the labour action progress reports have not been completed. The Progress Reports will be put on hold until further notice. To date, principals have received, from teachers, class lists, with indicators describing a student's progress. These submissions are not progress reports and they have not been entered into the system or onto our progress report templates.

Over 1600 students and counting will be attending the Sudbury Arena Remembrance day ceremony. Several schools have indicated they will continue to have their own ceremony and others will be attending ceremonies in their community. We have committed two buses to any school going to a community event.

R.L. Beattie Public School will be recognized tomorrow at the Dr. Bette Stephenson Achievement Ceremony, being held in Toronto. I will be attending to receive the award on behalf of the school.

Monday, November 16 remains as a Professional Activity day.

Secondary Junior School Award ceremonies were held in several secondary schools including Lasalle, Lo-Ellen, and Lockerby. Students were recognized for academic achievement in 2014-2015. I had the privilege to be a part in each.

The 2016-2017 Regional Education Funding Consultation Sessions were held in the Sault Ste. Marie. Five staff in addition to myself, including superintendents Dye, Noble, Wachnuk, Cayen-Arnold and Manager of Finance Karin Kozman provided input. The ministry focused on many areas, however the major thrust was to ensure all boards are aligning their budgets according to ministry priorities. Secondly, they were seeking input and feedback on grants and EPOs, more specifically we addressed, in break out sessions, FNMI, Special Education, Language Grants, Student Success and Learning Opportunities Grants.

Itinerary

- Sept. 30 Agenda Setting for October Strategic Planning Committee Meeting
- Oct. 1 CTCC conference introduction
- Oct. 2 School Visits
 - Lasalle Secondary School
 - Confederation Secondary School
 - Churchill Public School
- Oct. 5 Exec Council meeting
Meeting with OSSTF
- Oct. 6 School Visits
Churchill Public School Fall Feast
Strategic Directions Meeting
- Oct. 7 Lasalle Secondary School Junior Awards
Ombudsman consultation
- Oct. 8 Partners for Children & Youth meeting – Science North
Princess Anne Public School – Fall Feast
- Oct. 9 School Visit
 - Espanola High School
- Oct. 13 Exec Council
Strategic Planning Committee meeting
- Oct. 14 School Visits

- Northeastern Elementary School
- Cyril Varney Public School
- Oct. 15 School Visit
 - C.R. Judd Public School
- Oct. 16 School Visits
 - Webbwood Public School
 - S.Geiger Public School
 - Trustees Northern Conference in Sault Ste. Marie (Day 1)
- Oct. 17/18 Trustees Northern Conference- Sault Ste. Marie (Day 2&3)
- Oct. 19 Exec Council meeting
Eligibility Process meeting at Lively District Secondary School
- Oct. 20 Breakfast meeting with President of Cambrian College
Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School Junior Awards
Parent Involvement Committee AGM at Sudbury Secondary School
- Oct. 21 Junior Awards- Lockerby Composite School
School Visits with Trustee Clement
 - Webbwood Public School
 - Espanola High School
- Oct. 22/23 Ministry of Education Consultation meeting – Sault Ste. Marie
Regional Education Committee – Sault Ste. Marie
- Oct. 26 Meeting with ETFO
- Oct. 27 School Visits
 - Monetville Public School
 - Markstay Public School
 - Labour Relations Committee Meeting
 - Board meeting

5. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions**

Trustee Morrison recently attended C.R. Judd Public School for the unveiling of the new outdoor play structure and sandbox.

She also visited Lasalle Secondary School on October 23, 2015 to celebrate a new initiative. Vale, in partnership with the Advanced Coronary Treatment (ACT) Foundation, donated more than 150 mannequins to local high schools to help students continue to learn vital life-saving skills.

Trustee Morrison referenced a letter of concern about Reg. 274(b) addressed to our SEAC Chair from Durham Catholic District School Board.

Trustee Clement thanked the Director for their recent afternoon together touring Espanola High School and Webbwood Public School.

6. **Chairperson's Remarks**

Innovative parent involvement projects are being implemented in Rainbow Schools thanks to funding provided by the Ministry of Education's Parent Engagement Office. Eight Rainbow Schools will share a total of \$7,150 in Parents Reaching Out Grants.

Also, the Board's Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) has received a regional grant to produce resources on *Developing a Growth Mindset*. Parents/guardians will learn strategies they can use to support mindset development with mathematics homework.

Another friendly reminder that Rainbow District School Board is currently seeking input on two important documents that will guide accommodation reviews – the revised Student Accommodation policy and the revised Community Planning and Facilities Partnerships administrative procedure. A draft of both documents is available on the board website – rainbowschools.ca

Lansdowne Public School will launch a unique character education initiative called "The Buddy Bench" on Thursday, October 29, 2015. The buddy bench originated from an eight-year-old boy from Pennsylvania. If a student has no one to play with or feels shy to approach a group, he/she can go sit on the buddy bench. If students see someone on the buddy bench, they know to reach out to them and make them feel included.

On Friday, October 30th from 11:45 am to 12:15 pm Algonquin Road Public School will host a "spooktacular" display with 200 intricately carved pumpkins. The pumpkins will be lit up in the school's gym, which will be filled with bewitching music and Halloween characters.

On Wednesday, November 4, Grade 9 students in Rainbow Schools will spend the day at work job shadowing a parent, relative, friend or volunteer host, as part of the national Take Our Kids to Work program. We thank area businesses for opening their doors and welcoming our students into their places of work.

On Friday, November 6 at 9:30 am MacLeod Public School will honour the memory of Daphne Kochar by planting a maple tree. Daphne Kochar was an active volunteer at MacLeod and it is hoped that the tree will serve as a visual reminder of the importance of volunteering.

On Wednesday, November 11 Remembrance Day, staff and students in Rainbow Schools will honour Canadians who sacrificed their lives during war and peacekeeping missions through participation in Remembrance Day ceremonies at school and in the community, including the service at the

Sudbury Arena. A list of Remembrance Day tributes in Rainbow Schools will be posted on the Board website.

On Thursday, November 12, at 6:30 pm Lasalle Secondary School invites Grade 8 students and their parents/guardians to attend an Information Night. The evening will begin with a free pasta dinner in the school cafeteria, followed by an information session at 7 pm.

On Tuesday, November 17th, from 7 pm to 8:30 pm, Rainbow District School Board will present *Making the Transition: Finding Your Way from 8 to 9* in the Student Centre at Cambrian College. All students are welcome to participate along with their parents/guardians, regardless of which elementary school they currently attend.

The thought for the month comes from American Psychologist, Wendell Johnson: “*Always and never are two words you should always remember never to use.*”

7. **Other Items**

OPSBA Delegate – Trustee Clement advised that he is waiting to hear from OPSBA regarding central negotiations.

Student Trustee – Student Trustee Urban attended the Ontario Student Trustee Association (OSTA) Fall General Meeting in Toronto on October 1 to 4, 2015. He informed of discussions regarding FNMI awareness, a possible mental health summit, the idea that Student Senate could include students from grades 9 to 12, the annual student senate conference and the possibility of a board wide talent show.

Student Trustee Urban reported back from the October 5, 2015 Student Senate meeting with answers to questions from the Director regarding the current Strategic Directions document and the Achieving Excellence document which outline the Board’s vision. He offered to provide copies of the student input.

G. **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**

First Nation Advisory Committee (FNAC) minutes May 21, 2015 (official)
Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) minutes Sept 16, 2015 (official)

2. **Non-Staff Communications**

Letter from Bluewater District School Board

Motion: 15-R131, G.Fox/D.Morrison

That Rainbow District School Board write a letter of support as per the Bluewater District School Board attached letter. – **Carried**

H. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

Student Senate Meeting November 2, 2015 5:00 pm Boardroom
Parent Involvement Committee November 3, 2015 7:00 pm Boardroom
Special Education Advisory Cmttee Nov 4, 2015 12:00 pm Education Centre
Strategic Planning Committee November 10, 2015 5:00 pm Boardroom
First Nation Advisory Committee Nov 12, 2015 10:00 am Whitefish River First Nation
Board November 24, 2015 5:00 pm Boardroom

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: 15-R132, J.Hunda/G.Santala

That we now adjourn at 7:50 p.m. – **Carried.**

Official